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SUBJECT: CERP 0585 - INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN APRIL -- PRELIMINARY

1. SUMMARY: JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION CONTINUED TO ADVANCE IN APRIL, BUT PRODUCERS' SHIPMENT DECLINED. END SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY DATA RELEASED MAY 26 BY MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, JAPAN'S INDEX OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, RECORDED A HEALTHY 1.0 PERCENT ADVANCE IN APRIL, FOLLOWING ON MARCH'S STRONG 2.5 PERCENT INCREASE. EXCLUDING SHIPS, PRODUCTION INCREASE WAS SLIGHTLY LARGER 1.1 PERCENT. APRIL INCREASE WAS LED BY SHARP 6.1 PERCENT S.A. RISE IN OUTPUT OF PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS. PRODUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND PRECISION INSTRUMENTS ROSE 4.8 PERCENT AND 4.6 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY; AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY PRODUCTION INCREASED 2.2 PERCENT IN APRIL ON TOP OF LARGE 6.1 PERCENT RISE IN PREVIOUS MONTH.

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ALTHOUGH PRODUCTION OF TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT FELL 1.7 PERCENT IN APRIL, THE DECLINE FOR ROAD MOTOR VEHICLE COMPONENT OF THIS CATEGORY WAS ONLY 0.5 PERCENT, A RATHER MODEST ONE IN VIEW OF LARGE 9.0 PERCENT INCREASE CHALKED UP IN PREVIOUS MONTH.

3. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENT OF FINISHED GOODS IN MINING

AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, FELL 1.4 PERCENT IN APRIL. EXCLUDING SHIP DELIVERIES, DROP IN PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS WAS EVEN LARGER 2.0 PERCENT. MAJOR SHIPMENTS DECLINES WERE RECORDED BY NON-FERROUS METALS (DOWN 5.5 PERCENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (DOWN 2.9 PERCENT); HOWEVER, THESE THREE SHIPMENTS CATEGORIES HAD REGISTERED EVEN LARGER INCREASES (8.1 PERCENT, 5.2 PERCENT, AND 3.5 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY) IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH. ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES FOR THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW WERE REGISTERED BY PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (DOWN 2.6 PERCENT IN APRIL FOLLOWING 3.7 PERCENT DROP IN MARCH) AND METAL MANUFACTURES (DOWN 2.6 PERCENT FOLLOWING 0.6 PERCENT DECLINE IN PREVIOUS MONTH).

4. RATIO OF PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS TO SHIPMENTS ROSE 1.3 PERCENT IN APRIL: AND RATIO OF INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS EXCLUDING SHIPS ROSE 2.0 PERCENT. HOWEVER, PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, ACTUALLY DIPPED 0.1 PERCENT, SINCE SHIPMENTS, THOUGH DECLINING, REMAINED HIGHER THAN PRODUCTION.

5. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY DATA ON APRIL INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDICES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, 1970 EQUALS 100):

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES 1970 EQUALS 100	MARCH REVISED	APRIL PRELIMINARY	PERCENT INCREASE
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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:

ALL INDUSTRIES	131.2	132.4	0.9
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PUBLIC UTILITIES	149.4	146.8	MIN 1.7
MINING AND MANUFACTURING	130.7	132.0	-0
MINING	72.5	73.8	1.8
MANUFACTURING	131.2	132.5	1.0
MINING AND MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	N.A.	N.A.	1.1

PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS:

ALL INDUSTRIES	136.6	134.6	MIN 1.5
MINING AND MANUFACTURING	136.2	134.3	MIN 1.4
MANUFACTURING	136.6	134.6	MIN 1.5
MINING AND MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	137.0	134.2	MIN 2.0

PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES

OF FINISHED GOODS:

MINING & MANUFACTURING	167.7	167.5	MIN 0.1
MINING	58.4	58.5	0.2
MANUFACTURING	168.2	168.0	MIN 0.1
RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS	123.1	124.7	1.3

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SHIPMENTS EXCLUDING
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